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AMENDMENT UNDER RULE 111

SIR:

This is in response to the Official Action of October 23, 2003.

Please grant the enclosed petition for a three-month extension of time accompanied by the appropriate fee. A check in the amount of \$950.00 in payment of the government fee for a three-month extension of time is enclosed herewith. Any additional fees or charges required at this time in connection with the present application may be charged to our Patent and Trademark Office Deposit Account No. 03-2412.

In response to the Office Action dated October 23, 2003, without prejudice, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

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Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.